

## NEW CRY IS "BAT THE BEDBUG"



The fly swatting season is past. So men of science have just vented their wrath upon another household insect—little *cimex lectularius*, or bedbug.

Dr. J. Walling Beveridge, before the conference on safety and sanitation, in New York, has denounced scathingly this minute creature, accusing him of carrying concealed weapons on his small person and also innumerable germs inimicable to man. Germs of leprosy, germs of spinal meningitis, germs of tubercular infection—these are some of the destructive bacteria he is charged with bringing among us!

### HAVE YOU FALLEN FOR THIS?

A concern calling itself The School Progress League, and publishing a magazine by that name in Philadelphia, has been representing itself as working in co-operation with the Board of Education. They charge \$1.50 for a year's subscription to the magazine, and promise to give premiums to the children, according to their class marks.

Two women canvassers have been working on the West Side, in the vicinity of the Rogers and Smyth schools, and have gathered in quite a few victims.

Louis E. Larson, sec'y of the Board of Education, stated that no permission has been given to the publishers to claim any connection with the

His weapon is the three-part proboscis which he thrusts through the skin of sleeping humanity and uses as a blood pump. When he withdraws it, having feasted to the full, it is asserted that he leaves a few germs behind.

If application of benzine, kerosene or corrosive sublimate fails, they say, close the room and fumigate thoroughly with sulphur. For immediate relief sprinkle a little pyrethrum between the sheets.

But, however you do it, bat the bedbug as viciously as you swat a fly! For, if you let him live, you lay yourself open to grave danger of disease.

Board, and has instructed W. L. Bodine, supt. of Compulsory Education, to investigate further. No Chicago address of the firm so far has been found.

### NIX ON AIR OWNERSHIP

Paris, Dec. 23.—There can be no ownership of the air according to an important decision of the Court of Appeals rendered today at Amiens. At Lamotte-Breuil, near Compiègne, the Clement-Bayard Company built a hangar for their airships, M. Coquerel, a Compiègne speculator, purchased a tract of land in front of the entrance to the hangar and tried to sell it to the airship company, which refused to buy it on account of the alleged exorbitant price asked. The